

**18<sup>TH</sup> Edmonton Scout Group Executive Meeting  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 8.00p.m.**

Present:	Heather McIsaac-Hall (HMH)	Chair
	Paul Symons (PS)	GSL
	Richard Clark (RC)	Secretary
	Jan Ballett (JB)	
	Sue Bateman (SB)	
	Mary Bird (MB)	
	Dave Edwards (DE)	
	Nicola Headland (NH)	
	Ian Kirby (IK)	

1.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies were received from Barbara Barnicoat (BB), Lucy Bragg (LB), Rob Bruce (RB), Shan Gerrard (SG), Brenda Kennedy (BK), Raymond Prentice (RP) and Sally Symons (SS).	
2.	<b>Minutes of the Last Meeting</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2008 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.	
3.	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
3.1	There were no matters arising from the previous minutes not covered elsewhere.	
3.2	PS reported that he had completed the Census. The total number of adults and children was 66, with an increase of two leaders from last year.	
4.	<b>Health &amp; Safety</b> There have been no serious incidents since the last meeting.  MB confirmed that the Church had carried out the Fire Risk Assessment. As a result of this, curtains have been removed from around the stage and will not be replaced. MB agreed to pass a copy to PS.	MB
5.	<b>Resources</b>	
5.1	Re transport, DE reported that the minibus had been MOT'd and serviced, and that it is now in regular use. The speedo cable needs replacing on the van.  [SB arrived]	
5.2	PS received approval to spend up to £200 to purchase 15 stakes to be used as pioneering equipment. PS will bring the request back to the Group Exec should the cost prove to be greater than £200.	PS

6. 6.1	<p><b>Policy Review</b></p> <p>The Equal Opportunities Policy was reviewed, and the following changes were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The two paragraphs at the top of page two are to be merged into one paragraph;</li> <li>• A reference will be added at the bottom of the Policy to state that it is based on the Policy Organisation Rules (POR) of the Scout Association.</li> </ul> <p>Next review date will be January 2011.</p>	PS
7. 7.1  7.2	<p><b>Events Review</b></p> <p><i>Christmas Eve Bag Packing</i></p> <p>PS stated that £851.66 had been raised. The children who participated had worked and behaved well. Adult help had meant that there was at least one adult to cover every two tills, and a two hour shift had proved to be long enough for the children. It was agreed that the Group should aim to repeat this activity this year.</p> <p><i>Pantomime</i></p> <p>This had been an enjoyable evening, with all but one seat sold. Thanks were recorded to SB and PS for organising the event.</p>	
8. 8.1  8.2  8.3	<p><b>Events Planning</b></p> <p><i>Bag Packing</i></p> <p>The possibility of organising bag packing activity at different times of the year was discussed, with PS commenting that Waitrose do not accommodate bag packing at Easter. DE suggested the possibility of coordinating bag packing with St. George's Day. PS will raise this at the forthcoming Leaders' Meeting (22/01/09).</p> <p><i>Quiz Night (Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March)</i></p> <p>PS reported that Keith Kimber is available as quizmaster on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, and that the quiz would start at 1930. MB has booked the venue. PS will ask Keith to include "heads and tails" and all members of the Group Exec will bring prizes for the raffle.</p> <p>It was agreed that leaders and their partners should be able to attend this event free of charge.</p> <p><i>Sponsored Walk</i></p> <p>PS proposed a walk around the perimeters of the Roman walls in London, with participants collecting stamps at each gate. A visit to the Museum of London could possibly be incorporated with this event. PS will raise this at the forthcoming Leaders' Meeting (22/01/09).</p> <p>PS noted that an event rewarding good attendance at Church Parade was also being considered, and that he was thinking of possibly holding this event in July, with the sponsored walk to take place the month before, in June.</p>	PS  PS / ALL  PS
9.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>HMH reported that she had received a letter from Pat Powell thanking the Group for the clock and flowers, and wishing the Group well for the future.</p> <p>PS said that the DC had told him how impressed he had been with the Anniversary</p>	

	<p>Service and how much he had enjoyed it.</p> <p>MB stated that the Scouts had agreed to support the proposed Spring Fair, which would take place between 1030 and 1430 on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March. This event is being planned as a replacement for the Christmas Bazaar, which did not take place last year.</p> <p>MB reported that the Stewards had commented very favourably on the children's input to the Carol Service.</p> <p>MB said that the Church would be advertising the Twelfth Night Supper more extensively to the Scout Group next year.</p> <p>Finally, MB commented that the Cubs had put together a super programme re Fair Trade, and that she had taken a poster into the Church. SS may possibly be doing more on this theme in Church Parade.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 8.00pm in the Garden Room.</p>	